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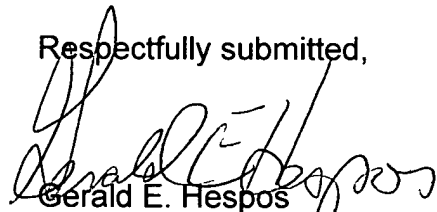
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies three U.S. references. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,433,628 is described in paragraph 0002 of this application. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,645,455 is described in paragraph 0003 of this application. The other U.S. reference shows still another joint connector.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,433,628	7-1995	Sadaishi et al.			
		5,645,455	7-1997	Seki			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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